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SUBJECT: SOVIET PRESS SUMMARY - JULY 13

1. HIGHLIGHTS OF THE SOVIET PRESS:

-- U.S. COVERAGE CONTINUES HEAVY WITH SLIGHT MILITARY ACCENT;
-- ECPC FOLLOW-UP MATERIAL IS DISTINGUISHED BY SHEBANOV ARTICLE
IN JULY 12 IZVESTIYA ON "PERFECTIONING" OF DEMOCRACY IN USSR,
WHICH INCLUDES PREDICTION OF A NEW CONSTITUTION (SEPTTEL);
-- CSCE FOLLOW-UP IS MARKED BY "S. DIMITRIYEV" COMMENTARY IN
JULY 13 PRAVDA WHICH DISCUSSES PEACEFUL CHANGE OF BORDERS AT
EXTRADORDINARY LENGTH FOR A SOVIET, BUT ALSO APPLICABILITY OF
FRONTIER INVIOABILITY PROVISIONS TO ALL PARTS OF THE GLOBE,
INCLUDING AFRICA (SEPTTEL);
-- IN WESTERN EUROPE, PRAVDA JULY 13 NOTES THAT GROMYKO AND
PONOMAREV MET WITH (FRG) FDP FRAKTION
CHAIRMAN MISCHNIK PREVIOUS DAY; PRAVDA AND KRASNAYA ZVEZDA CARRY
TASS ITEM CHARGING THAT FRANCE IS REINFORCING MEDITERRANEAN FLEET
AND, CITING L'HUMANITIES, PROVIDING SUPPORT FOR U.S. 6TH FLEET;
-- IN MIDDLE EAST AND AFRICA, PRAVDA CARRIES A BREEZY RETORT BY
I. KALITA TO CHARGES IN CAIRO'S AL AKHBAR THAT MOSCOW WAS INVOLVED
IN RECENT COUP ATTEMPT IN KHARTOUM; IZVESTIYA JULY 12 HAS FULL-
COLUMN ARTICLE BY A. GRIGOR'YANTS WHICH PROVIDES, IN A FAIRLY LOW-
KEY MANNER, DEFINITIVE SOVIET VIEW OF ISRAELI RAID ON ENTEBBE
AIRPORT, CONDEMNING TERRORISM BUT LINKING ISRAELI FORCE WITH "OLD"
WESTERN CONCEPT OF GUNBOAT DIPLOMACY AND ISRAELI DEFENSE FORCES
WITH NATO; KENYAN-UGANDAN TENSION IS GIVEN SHORT, RELATIVELY
BALANCED, COVERAGE; AND IT IS RECORDED THAT KOSYGIN SAW ETHIOPIAN
CHAIRMAN OF PROVISIONAL MILITARY ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL MOGES AND
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THERE WAS "CONVERGENCE OR CLOSENESS" ON VARIOUS INTERNATIONAL
TOPICS:

-- IN THE FAR EAST, IZVESTIYA JULY 12 CARRIES OFFICIAL COMMUNIQUE
WINDING UP LAST WEEK'S VISIT OF PAPUA NEW GUINEA DEPUTY PRIME
MINISTER-FOREIGN MINISTER KIKI IN WHICH BOTH SIDES AGREE TO TAKE
ADDITIONAL STEPS TO IMPROVE BILATERAL RELATIONS AND PAPUAN BUYS
ONTO CURRENT WATERED-DOWN VERSION OF ASIAN COLLECTIVE SECURITY;
BOTH IZVESTIYA AND PRAVDA HAVE ITEMS FROM HANOI AND HO CHI MINH CITY
THAT PROVIDE CENTRAL PRESS READERSHIP WITH ECONOMIC REALITIES AND
EVEN DIFFICULTIES CONNECTED WITH UNIFICATION; PRAVDA ALSO HAS
TASS ITEM NOTING HANOI'S SUPPORT FOR NORMALIZING RELATIONS WITH
THAILAND, BUT NOTES THAT RELATIONS IN SOUTHEAST ASIA MUST BE

BASED ON NOT GIVING TERRITORY TO ANY FOREIGN POWER AS A LAUNCHING
PAD FOR AGGRESSION; KRASNAYA ZVEZDA JULY 13 PREDICTABLY AGREES
AND ITS FOLLOW-UP ON THAILAND'S DECISION TO PERMIT U.S. TO USE
BASES LINKS U.S. ACTIVITIES THERE WITH OPERATIONS IN INDIAN OCEAN
AND DIEGO GARCIA; FINALLY, PRAVDA NOTES THAT ECONOMIC RELATIONS
HAVE BECOME A "BONE OF CONTENTION" IN U.S.-JAPANESE TIES.

2. U.S. FIGURES PROMINENTLY IN SEVERAL PLACES. REPORTING ON
DEMOCRATIC CONVENTION IN PRAVDA JULY 13 BY KURDYUMOV AND RUSAKOV
PRAISES CARTER FOR HAVING BASICALLY REALISTIC FOREIGN POLICY
VIEWS ESPECIALLY ON DETENTE AND U.S.-SOVIET RELATIONS BUT NOTES
NEVERTHELESS THAT HE IS UNDER INFLUENCE FROM THE TERRIBLE TRIAL--
MILITARY-INDUSTRIAL COMPLEX, AFL-CIO AND ZIONISTS. GUS HALL IS
QUOTED ELSEWHERE AS SAYING THAT "AMERICANS HAVE NO REAL CHOICE"
ANYWAY. COMMENTARIES BY PERESADA IN PRAVDA JULY 13 AND BOVIN IN
IZVESTIYA JULY 12 CHARGE THAT THERE HAS BEEN NO REAL CHANGE IN
U.S. POLICY IN THE THIRD WORLD. PERESADA STATES IN "COMMENTATOR'S
COLUMN" THAT RECENT U.S. VETOES IN SECURITY COUNCIL AGAINST
ANGOLA AND PALESTINIANS PROVE THAT ANNOUNCED U.S. POLICY CHANGES
ARE WITHOUT SUBSTANCE. BOVIN COMPARES "ANNOUNCED" U.S. GOALS
IN AFRICA (AVOIDING RACIAL CONFLICT) WITH "REAL" GOALS (PRESERVE
SOUTH AFRICA AS BASTION OF U.S. FINANCIAL AND STRATEGIC INTEREST,
AND OPPOSE RADICALIZATION OF CONTINENT). FINALLY, KZ NOTES
RUMSFELD-LEBER AGREEMENT TO PRODUCE A NEW TANK.
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